

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1 line 23 after "tank (15)" --is integrated in the housing and-- has been inserted.

Claim 6 has been canceled.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach a pressure generator and a pressure booster installed in a common housing and having a tank supplying the pressure generator which tank is integrated into and rigidly attached to the housing.

After further consideration of the Gram et al reference and the applicant's arguments the examiner did not agree that Gram et al would not make obvious a rigid connection between the tank and the pressure generator and pressure booster combination. In Gram et al the examiner maintains that the tank is rigidly connected to the pressure generator and also rigidly connected to the pump by pipes 34 and 36. However, Gram et al does not teach integrating the tank into the common housing of

the pressure booster and the pressure generator. While the tank 28 of Gram et al can be argued to be integrated into the pressure generator 26 it is not a common housing and the tank and pump drive of Gram et al do not provide both drive power and the pumped fluid. The teaching of Gram et al does not make obvious integrating a tank into the common housing of Bessiere as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles G. Freay whose telephone number is 571-272-4827. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Devon Kramer can be reached on 571-272-7118. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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